

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: :
: Takeshi KUBO, et al. :
: : Group Art Unit: unassigned
Serial No.: Continuation of 09/084,323 :
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Filed: April 16, 2001 : Examiner: unassigned

For: **AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS, USER AUTHENTICATION METHOD,
USER AUTHENTICATION CARD AND STORAGE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the continuation application filed on April 16, 2001. Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application filed on April 16, 2001 is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the parent application having U.S. Serial No. 09/084,323 filed on May 26, 1998, now pending. In addition, foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is claimed to Japanese Application No. 9-264839, filed September 10, 1997 and Japanese Application No. 10-94592, filed April